

# Bridal Veil Plans Fancy Play Stage, But Officials Say Protocol Unfulfilled

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PROVO CANYON—A spokesman for Bridal Veil Falls recreational development says the company will inaugurate an outdoor theater and barbecue pit this coming Thursday, but Utah County officials say many obstacles are in its way first.

Nobody on either side is saying the show won't go on Thursday.

Ron Whipple said the company moved a boxcar down the Heber Creeper tracks and is preparing to establish it as a stage for the outdoor amphitheater which has been constructed. One side of the boxcar is to be opened.

But the plans need county approval — a process which could take months.

The boxcar is being placed on the opposite side of Provo River from the tramway building. Access to the amphitheater area will be by way of a footbridge across the river.

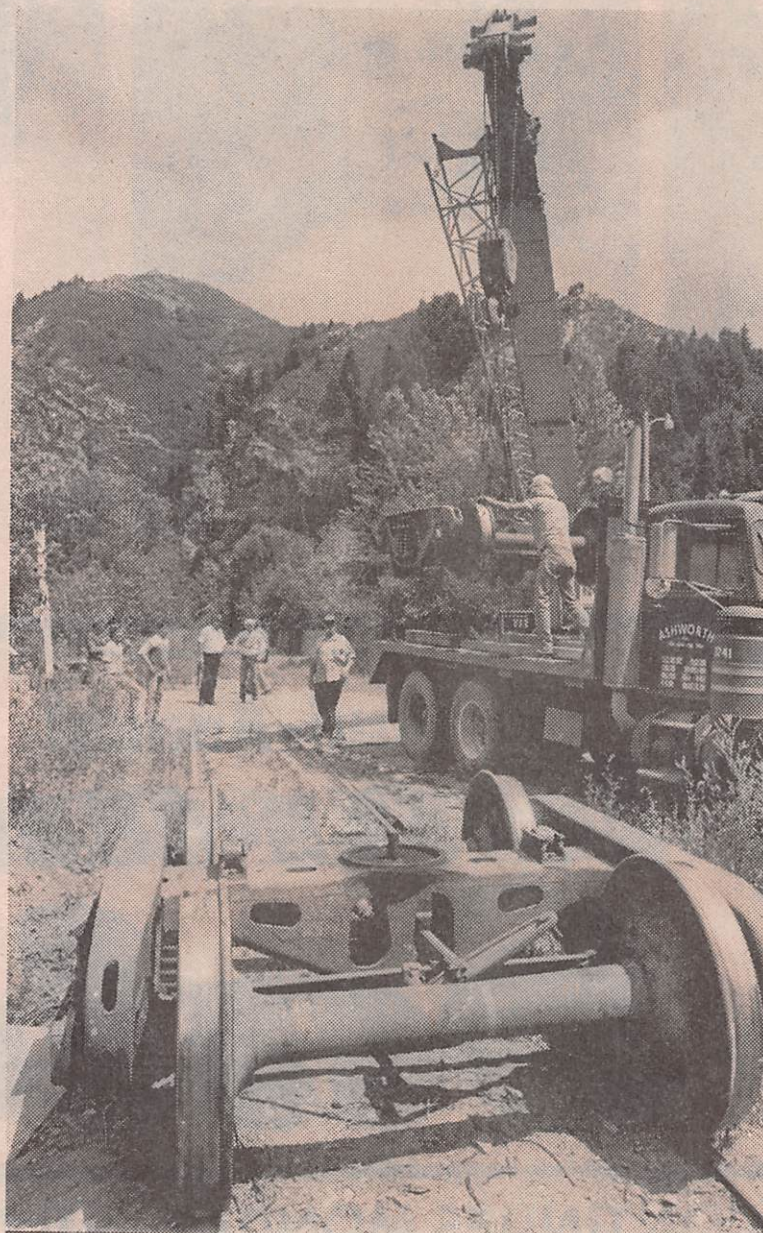
"We've built a nice amphitheater and barbecue pit that can accommodate 500 people. We intend to open Thursday at 7:45 p.m. with the Buddy Youngreen production of 'Please Marry My Nellie.'" Whipple said to his knowledge David Grow, owner of the recreation area, has taken care of everything needed in the way of permits.

"The electricity has been turned on and we will be installing planks for benches. Some seating will be on the grass," he said.

Jeff Mendenhall, Utah County Planning Director, said, however, that the amphitheater area is zoned Critical Environment-1, which does not make allowance for such facilities.

"We notified them, and Mr. Grow came in and made application for a zone change and a zone text change."

The Planning Office indicated that Grow missed the deadline for getting on the July County Planning Commission agenda, so he cannot present his application until August.



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Crews used a crane to remove a boxcar from its wheel base and transport the two pieces to Bridal Veil Falls.

If the Planning Commission should approve, then it must go to the County Commission for a public hearing, which by law must be advertised for four weeks. If approved, it cannot take effect for an additional 16 days.

"The rest of the land is in the Trades and Services-1 zone, which could allow the barbecue pit," Mendenhall said.

He noted two major problems with the development — adequate parking and sanitary facilities to handle a crowd.

County ordinances require one parking space for every two people, based on the design of the structure. If the facility has access from a main highway, acceleration and deceleration lanes are required for safety.

The ordinance also requires a water supply and sanitary sewage facilities approved by the City-County Health Department before a building permit is issued.

Glade Shelley, Chief Sanitarian with the City-County Health Department, said he knew nothing of the development.

"We would require sanitary facilities for a facility of that size. Chemical toilets might be used if the structure were temporary, but permanent facilities would definitely be required," Shelley said.

He indicated that the preset tramway structure has a holding tank, "but that would be totally inadequate to handle a crowd, and we wouldn't allow it."

Holding tanks must be approved by the Board of Health, and the board will not meet again until August. In the past they have tended to turn down holding tank application, because the expense of pumping them encourages abuses, it was reported.

Shelley said a septic tank must have a drain field that is located 100 feet from any running stream.

Dr. Joseph K. Miner, Health Director, reported that no food could be served in the barbecue area unless its facilities are inspected and approved by the sanitarians, and a food service permit obtained. "These requirements are part of the state law, for the safety of the public."

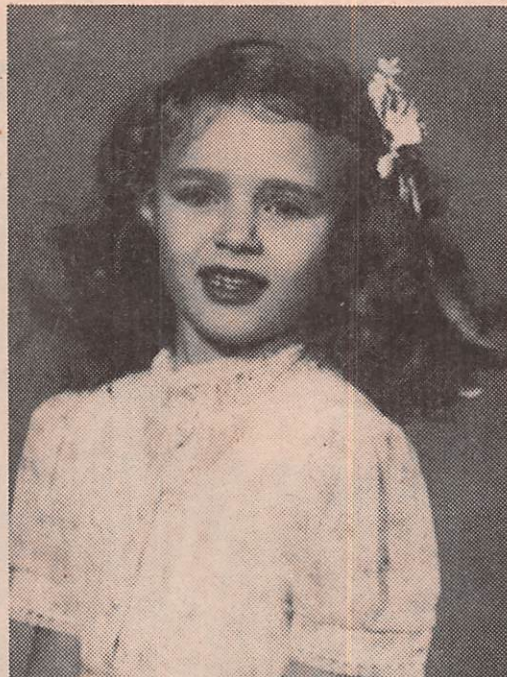
Deputy County Attorney Lynn W. Davis said approval is required from the County Board of Adjustment before any structure can be moved on property in the unincorporated area. He said the Board of Adjustment has never heard of the Bridal Veil Falls boxcar that is to be used a permanent stage.



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